

HONORABLE DAVID G. ESTUDILLO

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

GABRIELLA SULLIVAN, et al.

Plaintiffs,

v.

BOB FERGUSON, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 3:22-cv-05403-DGE

DECLARATION OF RENÉE HOPKINS
IN SUPPORT OF INTERVENOR-
DEFENDANT ALLIANCE FOR GUN
RESPONSIBILITY'S MOTION TO
INTERVENE AS A DEFENDANT

I, Renée Hopkins, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify, and offer this declaration based on my personal knowledge.

2. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance for Gun Responsibility ("Alliance"). The Alliance is a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, Washington, that is dedicated to ending gun violence and promoting a culture of gun ownership that balances rights with responsibilities. The Alliance collaborates with experts, civic leaders, and citizens at the

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1 local and national level to identify and advocate for evidence-based solutions to the crisis of gun
2 violence. The Alliance then promotes those solutions at the local, regional, and state levels.

3 3. The Alliance has successfully led statewide coalitions to pass several landmark
4 ballot measures to improve Washington’s firearm laws. Those measures include Initiative
5 Measure 594, which required background checks for all gun sales, closing a loophole that had
6 allowed sales by “private sellers” at gun shows, on the internet, and in other situations without
7 background checks. They also include Initiative Measure 1491, which allowed courts to issue
8 Extreme Risk Protections Orders (ERPOs) at the request of law-enforcement officers, family
9 members, and others to keep firearms out of the hands of someone deemed a danger to
10 themselves or others. And In 2018, the Alliance successfully led the campaign—through a
11 political committee we established, Safe Schools Safe Communities—for Initiative Measure
12 1639, which established requirements for firearm safety training, adopted a 10-day waiting
13 period to purchase a semi-automatic assault rifles, and raised the age for purchase of semi-
14 automatic assault rifles from 18 to 21.
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16 4. The Alliance successfully intervened to defend the legality of both I-594 and I-
17 1639.
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19 5. The Alliance also spent more than six years working to enact the restrictions on
20 large-capacity magazines (“LCM”) that ultimately were contained in Engrossed Senate Bill 5078
21 (“ESSB 5078”). The Alliance actively assisted in policy research and development, assisted in
22 drafting proposed bill language, and recruited experts to provide analysis of and legislative
23 testimony on the special dangers of LCMs and the efficacy of restrictions on their sale and
24 distribution. Furthermore, the Alliance was the primary organizer of public support for passage
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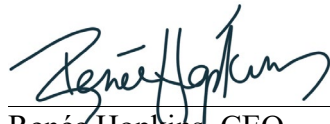
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1 of ESSB 5078, developing fact-sheets, policy analysis, and other advocacy content for its
 2 website, email lists, social media, and other forums for public engagement. Among other efforts,
 3 the Alliance coordinated thousands of advocates in support of the bill and tens of thousands of
 4 communications made directly to legislators. The Alliance also organized testimony in support
 5 of ESSB 5078 from numerous people with firsthand experience with gun violence, including
 6 survivors, health care providers, law enforcement officials, veterans, and educators. Alliance
 7 staff and board members also testified in support of the bill.

9 6. After six years of investment and hard work, the Washington Legislature passed
 10 ESSB 5078, and on March 23, 2022, Governor Jay Inslee signed the bill into law. I and other
 11 members of the Alliance were in attendance at the signing ceremony.

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 13 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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 15 Executed on this 14th day of July, 2022.

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18 Renée Hopkins, CEO
 19 Alliance for Gun Responsibility

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